

REMARKS

The following remarks are in response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on May 8, 2007. Claims 9-13 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 2, 4 and 8 are amended. Claims 1, 3-7, 14 and 15 are allowed. Claims 1-8, 14, and 15 are pending. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks:

Change In Power Of Attorney

On May 22, 2007 Applicant filed a "Power Of Attorney By Assignee To Exclusion Of Inventor Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.71 With Revocation Of Prior Powers" appointing all Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati attorneys registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to prosecute this patent application. A copy is attached hereto for your convenience.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: the legends for Figures 2, 3, and 7 do not describe the figures in sufficient detail. Applicant amended the legends for Figures 2, 3, and 7 to describe the figures in more detail based on what is shown in these figures. Applicant hereby states that no new matter has been introduced.

Applicant also submits herewith revised Figures 2A and 2B by adding sequence identifiers to the amino acid sequence of ULBP-2 (SEQ ID NO: 10), the nucleotide sequence of ULBP-2 (SEQ ID NO: 11) and RL5 (SEQ ID NO: 12). Accordingly, Applicant submits a computer readable copy and a paper copy of the revised sequence listing in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821 (c) and (e).

Claims Objections

Claim 2 is objected to because of a typographical error. Applicant amended Claim 2 by replacing "is consisting of" with "consists of."

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Claims Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for lack of antecedent basis for the limitations “the expression conditions” and “the culture.” Applicant amended Claim 8 to clarify the claim language. Applicant hereby states that no new matter has been introduced. Withdrawal of the rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION


In light of the remarks set forth above, Applicants believe that the pending claims are under condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully solicit the Examiner to expedite the prosecution of this patent application to issuance. Should the Examiner have any question, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit account No. 23-2415 (Attorney Docket No. 24569-714.831).

Respectfully submitted,

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